

BREEDERS' AND MEMBERS'

BULLETIN

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The first Board Meeting for 2009 was held on Tuesday 11th to Friday 13th February. The main business of the meeting was the approval of the 2008 Financial Statements and a consultation with our Accountant Mrs Michelle Nevil. The full Statement is published in the general body of this magazine. Meetings of all the Board's Sub-Committees were held, with a marathon meeting of the Show Committee as final plans for the 2009 Aussie Champs in Victoria were put in place.

All Directors expressed their shock and sorrow at the huge loss of life and devastation of the March 7th bushfires in Victoria. Our Victorian members have kept the Office informed of the whereabouts and safety of our members in the affected areas, and we have established our own fund, detailed on our website, which will be distributed amongst our members once we can see where it will be needed. Our Victorian members will help us to establish what is needed and where. Our website also has details of other practical ways for members to help the fire victims, including the provision of fodder for horses. We thank all those who have chosen to assist our own "Arabian family" by trusting us with their donations. In times like these it is wonderful to see the care and support that is being shown for members in need, and it does underline the strong bonds which exist among all of us with a common interest in Arabians. We have not forgotten the flood victims in North and Western Queensland, where thousands of head of livestock have been lost as 60% of Queensland has been flooded during February. It has certainly been a land "of droughts and flooding rains" just lately!

Brother Peter McIntosh was newly returned from the 2009 WAHO Conference in Oman. He delivered our report to the Conference and reported that his mention of our attempts to stamp out cruelty in the showring was greeted with an ovation on the conference floor, and he was approached by the delegates from many countries which understand all too well the unfortunate image of Arabian showhorses with the general public and are trying to do the same thing. He was congratulated by HRH Princess Alia of Jordan who has been a vocal advocate of more humane methods of showing. America once again took its place on the Executive of WAHO. Our Registrar Helen Dohan has been elected to represent Australasia at the WAHO Registrars Meetings and our proposal for registering the Arabians of Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, The Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam in a caretaker capacity, was accepted by WAHO.

As a result of WAHO no longer requiring printed Stud Books of its member countries, we, along with many other countries, have decided that we will not be printing any more Stud Books. Online Stud Books and databases have largely replaced the Stud Book which sells very poorly while costing a great deal to print. We

have hundreds of past editions in our shed at Windsor! I am one of those who have come very sadly and reluctantly to this decision, and I have been promised that a certain number of A4 sized print-outs will be made for those of you who, like me, like to read and analyse their Stud Books from cover to cover, in bed! As we were to have printed 2 Stud Books this year, several editions have been prepared, so anyone who would like a hard copy should email the office. A nominal price will be decided. It will be interesting to see how many like-minded "friends of the Stud Book" I have!

The World Equestrian Games is being held in 2010 in Kentucky, USA. No doubt Arabian horses will carry most of our endurance team at that event. There has been a lot of talk about other breeds replacing Arabians in endurance, but it should be noted that in the recent President's Cup in Dubai, Australian-bred Arabians filled 7 of the Top 25 placings. Highest-placed Australian in this invitation-only International event was Meg Wade riding Purebred Gelding Castlebar Kalahari. The United States Arabian Horse Association is establishing a Museum on the theme "A Gift From the Desert" in Kentucky which visitors for the WEG might like to include in their sight-seeing. This will be the first time the WEG has been held in the US.

The Society's Showbook Programme is currently being "test-driven" by some of the Affiliate Show Secretaries and will be available to Affiliates for a cost of \$150 with \$50 for updates as they are made. Other breed and performance groups who wish to have it will pay \$500 initially with \$100 for updates. Board Member Lorraine Currie has done a magnificent job in conjunction with Incheck Systems on this programme which is a complete template for running a show including the collection, allocation and receipting of money received.

Some countries are requiring SCID testing and CA [Cerebellar Abiotrophy] testing for all horses registered now. We are currently investigating how we can make these tests available at a more reasonable cost to our members.

We are very pleased to announce that the inaugural Youth Exchange Scholarship for 2009 has been awarded to Jessica Krog of Victoria. We had three excellent candidates to consider at our February Meeting. The Award is for a candidate from 18 to 25 years, "in recognition of their service and contribution to the Arabian breed in Australia". Jessica will travel on exchange to New Zealand while we host the New Zealand winner.

The tender of Vink Publishing has been accepted for the production of "The Arabian Horse in Australia Book VII" with a projected 2010 publication date. The Board is confident that the book will be a quality product by the team that produces our own "Arabian Horse News", and we recommend to our members that they secure their place in Australian Arabian history by advertising in some manner in the book.



Plans for the 2009 Aussie Champs are now finalized. We can be assured of a full five days of top-drawer competition in two Rings, with all the Youth and Amateur Classes we introduced in 2007. Evening activities will include a seminar by our US judge Cindy Reich, our Friday night Awards Dinner and the James Blundell concert which will also feature our Auction with proceeds going to the Bushfire Appeal, and our final Sunday evening BBQ when we can relax and review the history that has been made during the previous week.

The Society AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30 pm. See the details elsewhere.

This is my final Chairman's Report as I have completed my three-year term as Chairman. I have found that members were prepared to phone or email and comment on the activities of the Society, and whether we agreed on the topic or not, I have been very happy with the input. Thank you all. Just recently I have had many letters, phone calls and emails from members supporting our stand on cruelty, and the whole Board has been pleased [but not surprised] to see the deep concern our members show for their animals. I would like to thank my fellow Board members and our staff members for their support at all times in the past three years. I would also like to thank retiring Director Laurie Nicolle for the excellent contribution he made to the Board, in particular the way he kept the sport of endurance always on the broad agenda, and to welcome incoming Director Selina Ahel from Tasmania. Despite the economic predictions of doom and gloom, we all look forward to a rich and rewarding 2009 calendar of events with our beautiful Arabians.

CORALIE GORDON
Chairman 2008/9

REMEMBER

The Annual General Meeting
will be held at the
Conference Rooms

Werribee Park
National Equestrian Centre

170 K Road
Werribee Victoria 3030

Wednesday evening
18th March 2009

commencing at 7.30 pm.
Light refreshments available
from 7.00 pm

Membership

A reminder that the Articles of Association of the Society were changed at the last AGM and that if you have not have paid your membership subscription in respect of the financial year before the expiration of two months following the due date your membership will be lapsed.

REGISTRY: A REMINDER

Purebred breeders are advised that from the 1st January 2009, there is NO HAIR STORAGE available for Purebred Fillies or Mares or for Purebred Stallions who are being adult registered irrespective of their date of birth. These horses need the fees & relevant paperwork for DNA of all new foal registration applications. Hair Storage will now only be acceptable for geldings and foal recorded colts. Please also note that if the registration fee is not enclosed with the application, a handling fee will now be enforced. This needs to be done at the time of application as the Office is spending so much time sending back for DNA & Registration money. We know we have said it before but...If you have a gelding registration and you are applying for Hair Storage, you need to send in the Declarations at the time of registration application.

For foals being fully adult registered as Stallions in the first instance, please remember to send in your Vet Testicle Report with your registration application.

When your vet is completing the Testicle Report, please ensure he includes all brands and markings. If for some reason, your Certificate of Registration does not match the Vet's Report, please return the Certificate attached to the Vet Report, along with photographs supporting any discrepancies.

Please help your Society to be more efficient by getting your paperwork in order before sending it in. Incorrect applications account for most delays. If you're not sure of something, send an email to the relevant staff member or a quick phone call will answer most questions. In particular with transfer application the date of transfer and signatures being witnessed are the most common omissions.



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Judges Exam Results

Level 1 Examinations Passed

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Mr Matthew Sheard (Queensland).

Level Two Upgrades

Ms Shelley Brodie, Ms Kate Francis,

Mrs Marillyn O'Dea, Mrs Helen Tidy.

National Panel Upgrades

Ms Cathy Padgen, Ms Sharan Poskus, Mrs Kathy Sagers

New National Panel Judge

Mr Stephen McMorrow (ex UK National Panel)

*Congratulations to the above judges
and please keep them in mind
when Planning for your show*

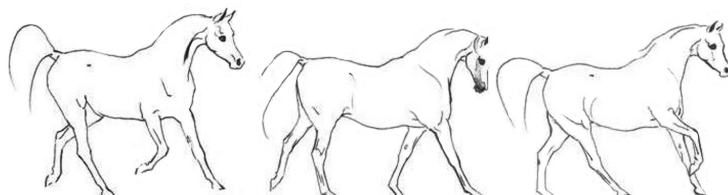


— WAHO AWARD —

The AHSA will choose one living Arabian horse each year, bred and still domiciled in Australia and registered in our WAHO approved stud book, which in the opinion of the Board deserves to be presented with this award for a particular achievement. Ideally, the Board will look for an Arabian horse which has itself in some way been an excellent "ambassador" for the breed or, in the case of older horses, has achieved the same through its immediate progeny.

WAHO has stressed that this award should ideally not be connected with any one particular show or event, as they do not wish to be in conflict with any other awards already in existence, especially at the major shows and competitions. Nor should it necessarily be awarded each year for the same athletic discipline in which Arabians take part. Nor should it be similar to, or in competition with, any award that may already be in place.

This WAHO Trophy can be awarded for a different reason or category each year. The Board will give this careful consideration, and use broad parameters when making their choice. Beyond the above, and the fact that winning horses must have been born in Australia and be registered in their our stud book, WAHO does not lay down any special rules for the way in which annual award winners are chosen, as they recognise there are many cultural and historical differences from Member country to Member country for the different activities available to Arabian horses, their owners and breeders. Written Nominations supported by a short summary will be accepted by the Board



The Arabian Horse Society of Australia FUNDRAISING AUCTION AN APPEAL FROM THE HEART

Owing to the devastating bushfires within Victoria during the past week and some of the tragic losses our Arabian Fraternity has suffered, The Arabian Horse Society of Australia is conducting a fundraising auction at The Australian Arabian National Championships. It was originally proposed to hold the Auction for the AHSA's Youth Development Program, plans have now altered and the money raised will be donated to Arabian owners affected by the fires.

The Auction is to be held during our
Awards Presentation and Dinner
Friday March 20th

The donation of articles for the auction are most welcome!

Contact - Kate Luckock Ph 03-55995334 (AH)
Tess Hutchison Ph 07 46971818 email bvfarm@bigpond.net.au.

Items donated so far...

- Amy Gorman
 - Marian Duncan
 - Tuff Rock
 - Leading Designs
 - Cherry Hill Designs
 - Jess Krog
 - Global Arabians
 - Grin & Wear It
 - Equine Gallery & Showstoppers
 - Edinburgh Rugs
 - Sharon Meyers
 - Jill Vanstone
 - Eagleridge Arabian Farm
 - Trincada Arabians & Ponies
 - Vink Publishing
- 6 page web design with 12mths hosting
 - original painting
 - A selection of products
 - Hand Crafted Presentation set.
 - 2 Designer Halters
 - Woollen Rug
 - 6 x E-Newsletter Advertising Campaign
 - Horse Blanket
 - Riding jacket, shirt, tie, jodhpurs and hair accessories
- 1 Rug Pack
 - Coffee Table book
 - 2 x Original Paintings
 - Yearling purebred gelding by Khamsin ERA breeding to Trincada Strike
 - Premium full colour page advertisement in the AHN

Cash donations also gratefully accepted

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